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9	SUPERIOR COURT OF T	HE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
10	FOR THE COU	INTY OF ORANGE
11	THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, by and through the	Case No.: 06 C C 07 158
12	CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS COMMISSIONER,	NOTICE OF EX PARTE APPLICATION
13	Plaintiff,	AND APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER; AND REQUEST
14	vs.	FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RÉ: PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION
15	STEVEN ARTHUR SCOTT, an individual, and	Judge: JUDGE GAIL A. ANDLER
16	doing business as BENCHMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES,	Dept: DEPT. C4
17	Defendants.	Hearing Date:
18		Hearing Time: Date Action Filed: Trial Date:
19		That Date:
20	TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL:	
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22	YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the date and time and in the Department set forth	
23	above, Preston DuFauchard, California Corporations Commissioner for the State of California, acting	
24	in the name of the People of the State of California, will apply to the Court for an Order issuing a	

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Temporary Restraining Order enjoining defendants, STEVEN ARTHUR SCOTT, an individual, and

doing business as BENCHMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES from violating California Corporations

Code section 25230, by conducting business as an investment adviser without first securing a

certificate from the California Corporations Commissioner, or substantially assisting violations

thereof in the State of California; and violating California Corporations Code section 25235, by engaging in fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative practices within the State of California. Without this Order, irreparable injury will occur to the citizens of California.

This request is made on behalf of the People of the State of California on information obtained and on belief by the Commissioner that defendants have been and are currently conducting business as an investment adviser without a certificate from the Commissioner and engaging in fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative practices in violation of the Corporate Securities Law. Without this Order, defendants will undoubtedly continue their illegal activities unabated, with substantial injury to the People of the State of California.

This Application is supported by the concurrently filed Complaint, witness Declarations and evidence that accompany the Application. The requested order is necessary to halt unlicensed investment adviser activity, and fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative practices occurring in the State of California.

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 379(d)(1), the address and telephone number for all parties known to the Plaintiff are as follows:

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PRESTON DuFAUCHARD California Corporations Commissioner

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